Amendments to the Specification

1.   Please replace the paragraph beginning at page 3, line 3, which starts with "Each client 12a - 12", with the following amended paragraph:

Each client 12a – 12n, can generate an authentication request which includes authentication credentials. For example, client 12a generates an authentication request 31 that includes the authentication credentials 11. The request 31 is directed to the server 16 so that the identity of the client 12a can be authenticated by the server when establishing communications with the server over the network 14. The authentication credentials 11 can include a name and password associated with the client 12a. Alternatively, the authentication credentials 11 can be implemented using a private/public key pair such as those used in a public key infrastructure (PKI).